

In regards to the petition RM-10808, concerning the 5 word per minute code requirement (element 1) being deleted for Technician/Technician-Plus. The deletion of element 1 can be an enhancement for amateur radio operators and experimenters alike. Not all amateur radio operators wish to engage in morse code type of emmissions, others do. There are other digital modes available to amateur operators for those wishing to operate them. While no other testing is required for other modes, Morse code testing is unfair to many who are mentally unable to "memorize" sequences of beeps, just as many may be unable to copy Frequency shift keying by ear and memory also. Making high frequency available to Technician level operators will stimulate growth in amateur radio, testing of newly designed equipment, expirmentation in propagation and enhance the number of qualified radio amateur operators in times of emergencys and disasters. Please consider dropping the morse code requirement.